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TOWN OFFICERS.

1884-5.

Town Clerk—John H. Steele.

TOWN TREASURER—William G. Livingston.

Selectmen—Ezra M. Smith, Winslow S. Kyes, Charles W. Hunter.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—Augustus Fuller.

Auditors—William H. Longley, Joseph F. Noone, John Q. Ad-

Supervisors—Eben W. Jones, Ebenezer W. McIntosh, Charles Wilder.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—William H. Walbridge, Charles Wilder.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE—John H. Cutler, Riley B. Hatch, William H. Walbridge.

FIRE WARDS—Chief, George W. Farrar; Aids, John H. Steele, Wilbur E. Davis, William F. Barrett, James E. Saunders, Charles N. Patterson, George A. Hamilton.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—Ervin H. Smith.

Sexton—Winslow S. Kyes.

Constable—Elijah A. Robbins.

Surveyors of Lumber—James E. Ray, C. Edwin Jaquith, Albert Frost, Christopher Decker, George A. Hamilton.

Corders of Wood—William F. Barrett, Albert S. Clark, Asa Davis, Alvin Townsend, Charles N. Patterson, Augustus Fuller, Henry Field, Henry B. Needham, Henry Buckland.

Police—Charles Scott, George B. Priest, Elijah A. Robbins, Amos A. Sawyer, John E. Lawrence, James E. Saunders.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE—Winslow S. Kyes, Christopher Decker, John H. Steele.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS-

Dist. 1. George W. Ames,

" 2. Charles W. Hunter,

" 3. Joel T. Brackett,

". 4. Stephen D. Robbe,

". 5. Charles H. Varnum,

6. Benjamin F. Eastman,

Dist. 7. Alvan A. Davis,

" 8. Charles Barber,

" 9. Patrick McLaughlin,

" 10. Albert O. Smith,

" 11. Edwin L. Twitchell.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES-None qualified.

FENCE VIEWERS—None qualified.

FISH AND GAME WARDENS—Charles Scott, George W. Farrar, Jones N. Dodge, John M. Ramsey, James E. Saunders, Collins C. Robbins.

AGENT OF TOWN CLOCK-Alfred F. Grimes.

PUTNAM PARK COMMITTEE—George W. Farrar, Albert M. Smith, Ervin H. Smith.

AGENT OF STREET LAMPS-Edward G. Stevens.

LIQUOR AGENT—Samuel W. Nichols.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee, W. H. Walbridge, Jesse Martin, S. W. Nichols.

Grammar Department.

Summer and Fall Terms. Teacher, Mrs. Isabella S. Lawrence: Instruction, thorough, sound, practical. The experience and general knowledge of the teacher, and her methods of instruction, were of much value to the school. A little more determination in the enforcement of order would have made these terms a complete success.

Winter Term. Teacher, Miss Olivia M. Woodward. The teacher was doubtless competent to instruct this school. The closing examination showed that some progress had been made. If the energy and decision shown by the teacher upon the closing day, had been manifested earlier in the term, better results might have followed her work. But the causes that tend to destroy the work of the best teachers in this school, lie partly beyond the teacher's control. When, to the evil influences that always beset a village school, there is added indifference, or incompetency in the home training of pupils, it is very difficult for any teacher to bring such pupils under proper school discipline. It is our opinion that an efficient male teacher should have charge of the winter term of this school.

Intermediate Department.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss Mary F. Knowlton. The energy, ability, and determination that have marked the work of this teacher in nine previous terms in this school, made this term also entirely successful.

Fall and Winter Terms. Teacher, Miss Hattie A. Burnham. Good order, promptness, thorough instruction, and practical drill on first principles, marked the work of these terms. Colburn's arithmetic was well taught, and some pupils gained considerable proficiency in drawing.

Primary Department.

Summer, Fall and Winter Terms. Teacher, Miss Emma R. Smith. Fourteen terms experience in the conduct of this school have given the teacher a thorough knowledge of its requirements, and how to meet them. Patience, thoughtfulness, thoroughness and efficiency, were combined in her work, with excellent results.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Prudential Committee, Charles W. Hunter.

Summer and Fall Terms. Teacher, Miss Genta M. Hadley. There was no lack of knowledge to properly instruct the school, and fair work was done in this respect. There was a lack of energy in the routine work, as well as in the general discipline, that marred the success of the school.

Winter Term. Teacher, Miss L.M. Howe. The school appeared fairly well at commencement. Illness of one member of the committee, and absence from town of the other one, prevented attendance at closing examination.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Prudential Committee, Henry Field.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss Annie Green. Some petty neighborhood squabbles, combined with other reasons, more or less obscure, partially destroyed this term. During the term, eleven, of the seventeen scholars who commenced attendance, left the school. So far as the committee could see, or learn, the work of the school was tolerably well done, and there were no scholars who left the school who could not have profited by remaining.

Fall Term. Teacher, Miss Emma N. Smiley. The work of this term was marked by promptness, energy, efficiency, and a thorough drill upon elementary principles, and no term in any school has shown better comparative results.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Prudential Committee, W. H. Longley.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss Clara E. Pettengill. Thoroughness in instruction, and efficiency in management, made this a good school. It is cause for regret that there were not more pupils to profit by its advantages.

Fall Term. Teacher, Miss L. M. Howe. With but five scholars and seven weeks term, so far as the committee could judge, the work of the term was properly done.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Prudential Committee, Daniel Edes.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss Martha R. Wilder. This school had the advantage of the large experience and extensive general knowledge of the teacher. Excellent discipline, thorough instruction, and methodical training, resulted in a very excellent school.

Fall Term. Teacher, Mrs. Weltha Jewett. This school illustrated the beauties of the "District System." With—apparently—no valid reason, the faithful, competent teacher of the previous term was set aside, and a new one engaged. It is due to Mrs. Jewett to say that she labored earnestly and faithfully, and "Did what she could."

DISTRICT No. 6.

Prudential Committee, John E. May.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss Emma N. Smiley. The record of this term is one of faithfulness, industry, and practical efficiency. The order was good, and much attention given elementary work.

Winter Term. Teacher, Mrs. Weltha Jewett. We believe this teacher meant to perform faithfully every duty as understood by her. The fact that she had been for some years out of school work, and the sad circumstances attending its renewal, prevented the full exercise of her abilities in the school, and are reasons for withholding comment upon work that was evidently done with the best intentions.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Prudential committee, F. A. Tarbell.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss Elva M. Chapman. The school was generally well instructed, and, as a whole, a profitable one. A little more energy in the work, and discipline, and more thorough drill on elementary principles, would have made the term a complete success.

Fall Term. Teacher, Miss Susan M. Dodge. Order and instruction, good. Teacher energetic, and the school made good improvement in study and deportment.

Winter Term. Subscription school. Teacher, Miss Minnie Walton. About two-thirds of the scholars in the district attended this term. Excellent order, fair instruction. A profitable term. More energy in the general conduct of the school, would have given the teacher's work still greater efficiency.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Prudential Committee, Albert Wilkins.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss Helen F. Adams. This term was a success in a moderate degree. In fact, moderation was rather too strongly characteristic of the work. The closing examination showed that commendable progress had been made.

Fall Term. Teacher, Miss Mary E. Ventres. Excellent discipline, good instruction, thorough foundation work, punctuality, and regularity of attendance, combined to make this an excellent school.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer, Fall, and Winter Terms. Teacher, Miss Jennie E. Hadley. This district has wisely retained the same teacher three years. The result has been nine terms of steady, progressive work. Good discipline, thorough instruction, methodical training, and practical drill on elementary principles, have marked the present and previous year's work of this teacher.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Prudential Committee, J. S. Stearns.

Winter Term. Teacher, Miss Mary E. Ventres. Only five weeks school, and four scholars, and two of these coming from another district, and attending but two weeks. We believe all was accomplished that could reasonably be expected, and what was done, was well done.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Prudential Committee, Edwin L. Twitchell.

Summer and Fall Terms. Teacher, Miss Kate Townsend. A small school of small scholars. The teacher was bright and energetic, and made a good beginning in her work as a teacher.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

No tardiness is reported in Fall term of No. 4, Fall term of No. 8, Winter term of No. 10, and Summer and Fall terms of No. 11. No. 10 reports no absences. It is noticeable that the most tardiness occurs among pupils living nearest the schoolhouses. Deportment records are not complete, and if they were would not

form an accurate basis for a comparative statement, owing to varying standards of teachers. Registers returned imperfectly filled out, are Mrs. Lawrence's, Summer and Fall terms, and Miss Woodward's Winter term, No. 1, Grammar School; Miss Burnham's, Winter term, No. 1, Intermediate; Miss Howe's, Summer term, No. 2; Miss Green's, No. 3; Miss Pettengill's and Miss Howe's, No.4. Of thirty-one terms during the year, seventeen were excellent, five others above mediocrity, and two fell below it. No term has been a failure, and there has been no case of marked insubordination. Whooping cough, and prevailing colds, have caused more irregular attendance than usual, in the winter terms During the three vears that the present committee have acted, the general supervision of the schools has been divided; Messrs. Walbridge and Green taking charge of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9, and Wilder, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11. Each member of the committee has visited all the schools when practicable. At the beginning of the present school year, Rev. Mr. Green removed from town.

For three years the committee have used the "Incidental School Fund" to purchase, for use in the schools, four sets Outline Maps, four sets Complete School Charts, one copy Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, copies for every school of Practical work in the School room, and one set Johnson's Encyclopedia for the High School. During the year, the Franklin written Arithmetics have been adopted in place of White's, and Harper's Geographies in place of Warren's and Cornell's. Steele's Physiologies have been adopted, in accordance with the law passed by the last legislature. In making these changes we have considered, first, the best interests of the schools, and then endeavored to secure text books that were moderate in price. At the exchange price, all who have books in fair order will find the exchange cost but slight, while those who would be compelled to buy new books, will find the new books to cost less than those displaced. With the exception of the Grammars (?), which should be changed at once, we believe the books in use and now adopted, well adapted to the needs of the schools.

The results of the year's work, show cause neither for complaisant satisfaction, nor discouragement. Marked improvement has been shown in some unexpected places, and in other places where much was hoped for, little has been done. As a whole, the school year 1884-5 marks an advance. There is yet—and must always be—much to be done. In no field of labor will steady, patient, determined action be more constantly required, than in this. Committees are human, and make mistakes like other men. Parents can hardly expect of the committee, or teachers, to control perfectly, and

train wisely, children who have taken a wrong bent from careless or vicious home training. All need to act under a stronger sense of personal responsibility, and to toil, in patience and faith, for a harvest that will surely come, though it may not be ours to see. We are of opinion that the present "District System" has had its day, and done its work. But for the hope, and expectation, that the next legislature will abolish, or radically change it, we should feel it a duty to take measures to bring it before the town for action at the annual meeting, under existing statutes.

We wish especially to remind teachers of the prime necessity of order in schools, and system and method in all school work. the past three years, no school in town where order was maintained, has been even a partial failure; and no school in which strict order was not maintained has been more than a partial success. A teacher who cannot, or will not, repress whispering in school, has no business in the school room. Some teachers appear to have no adequate idea of the purpose of their work. The state supplies the school to fit the scholar for citizenship. Merely sharpening his intellect, or storing his mind with facts, is but a small part of this work. To deepen, broaden, strengthen, every right faculty and principle, to make the pupil wise, strong, and true, is the end, to which intellectual training is but one important—but not the most important-means, of many. The end sought is character, the power and knowledge to do right, and to train the will to act up to the standard of intelligent conviction.

The first and most needed lesson is self-control. Sharp intellects, "scholarship" trained minds, are plenty and cheap compared with sterling moral worth, and integrity of character. The best instructor in the world will do a school more harm than good, if order is not maintained, recitations come at one hour one day, another the next, school is kept ten or fifteen minutes after the usual hour of dismissal, and method gives place to misrule. Another growing wrong tendency your committee have had to combat (and we confess in many cases with poor success), is the neglect of elementary training. "Spelling book lessons," orthography, the elements of language, are almost ignored by some teachers. Remind them of it, and they reply with a look of surprised innocence, that would be amusing, if it were not so fatal a confession of total incompetency. Another wrong, which has sometimes seriously marred the school work, is the attempt of some teachers to continue a course of study while teaching. The insane greed which some teachers manifest to get what they term "an education," would be less deplorable if it destroyed nothing but themselves. To continue a severe course of study while teaching, they must steal somewhere.

They must rob either the schools, themselves, or their future life, probably all these. (The school is as far as your committee claim jurisdiction, however). We respectfully suggest to all concerned or interested in the work of the schools, the utmost freedom and frankness in conferring with the committee. By no means nurse real or fancied wrongs until they explode in invective, or grow sharp by acetous fermentation.

We wish to record our testimony to the faithfulness, the earnestness, the efficiency, and devotion to duty, that have been so marked in the work of many of the teachers; continued, in some cases, through the three years of service of the present committee. May all be as ready to accord them honor due, as to speak in criticism of their real or fancied failings. For cordial support of the general community, and patience with our shortcomings, we return grateful acknowledgments. If we have earned the right to ask anything, it shall be, that all—parents, teachers, scholars, and future committees—give earnest, careful thought to the duties they owe the schools, and perform those duties promptly and faithfully, that, with the Home and the Church, the School may continue, perpetually, the nursery and the bulwark of the State.

CHARLES WILDER,
FOR
W. H. WALBRIDGE,
CHARLES WILDER,
School Committee.

TABULAR VIEW OF SUMMER SCHOOLS.

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HIGH SCHOOL.

Teacher for the year, Mr. Albert D. Smith.

From a careful review of the work of the year, we are of the opinion that it has been done fairly well. We cannot say that it has come up to the standard of a perfect school, and there is no reason to believe that it ever will, or can. That it should be the purpose of all concerned to bring it as near to this standard as practicable, we fully believe. Believing that there exists a more general disposition to hold this school responsible for results, than to apply earnest, intelligent efforts to secure the best results, we submit for thoughtful consideration, some conditions outside the school, which we believe act upon it unfavorably. The town raises no money for its support, beyond the amount required by law. The schools of the town cost no more with, than without the High School. The taxes of Peterboro' are exceedingly low, and the whole amount raised for the support of schools is very small for the number of weeks school enjoyed. The rigid economy shown by the town in the conduct of its schools, prevents the payment of a salary sufficient to secure and retain the services of a first class teacher. If one is secured, he soon finds some other place willing to pay more for his services. Even if good teachers are secured, frequent changes greatly injure the school. Then, each new teacher has his friends, and his successor fails to gain their support and confidence, not—it may be—because he does not do as good work. but because he does it in a different way. We believe the town will have to pay a higher salary before it will secure a good teacher longer than for a few terms. With judicious management, Peterboro' can have just as good a High School as it will pay for.

Then the standard of qualification for admission is too low. Parents over-estimate the capacities and qualifications of their children. They urge them unduly in the primary schools, endeavor to force them into studies they are wholly unable to master, press their admission to the High School, when their elementary training is wholly insufficient, then, when they fail at examinations, blame the teacher for what is due to natural incapacity, or lack of proper age and drill to fit them to accomplish what is required. "The sins of the fathers visited upon the children," and the teacher censured for it. When—in the proper discharge of their duty—the committee

do the parent, the scholar, and the High School, the kindness to require the pupil to spend another year to fit for admission, it is not the part of wisdom for parents to resent it as a personal affront. Again, pupils enter the High School too young. A vital point in successful mental training—too often overlooked—is physical strength adequate to accomplish the work required. The precocious pupil who graduates one or two years younger than any other of his class, does not usually amount to anything afterward. There are pupils now in the High School, who had better never have been inside a school house, than to be in the physical condition they are. Holvoke, Wellesley, Vassar, and other female schools require all pupils to be sixteen years old before entering, and some of them recommend that none enter the junior class under seventeen or eighteen. We are of the opinion that to fix the age requisite for admission to the High School at fourteen years, would greatly increase the efficiency of this school, in present results, and result in still larger good in pupils' later life. Resultant partly from lack of sound previous instruction, partly from immature age disqualifying pupils from properly appreciating the value of the opportunities given them, and still more from a lack of proper sense of life's mutual obligations, there is evident a painful lack of ambition among the pupils. As a stream cannot rise higher than its source, the motives and purposes of children are not likely to rise to a higher moral plane than that of the parents and instructors from whom their training is received. If parents will show as much earnestness to insist that their children do thoroughly the work required to enter, or graduate from the High School, as is now shown to have them forced through the routine work so as to show a record of having done it, in two years time they will have little cause to complain of the lack of efficiency of the High School. This suggests again a still deeper foundation principle. If—in all things-to be, and not to seem to be, were the spring of action, then the work of the school might be wholly real, and practical, instead of only seeming. Loftier ideals, nobler purposes, stronger principles, steadiness of purpose in acting up to the standards of our own convictions, upon the part of all, are requisite to insure that what all profess in theory, shall become real in practice.

We trust the work of this school, the coming year, will be carried on with greater vigor and positiveness, and that there will be shown a more general ambition, on the part of the pupils, to achieve results worthy of the young men and women of a free nation, in an enlightened age.

W. H. WALBRIDGE, High School CHARLES WILDER, Committee.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

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The following books have been added to the Library since our last report. The numbers given refer to the "catalogue numbers" of the books, and are to be used in ordering the same from the Library.

Work and wealth, or the art of getting and saving money. Haines, T. L. Moral education: its laws and methods. Buchanan, J. R., M. D. String and mission of Emanuel Swedenborg. Worcester, Benjamin. New Hampshire.
Twelfth annual report of the state board of agriculture. J. O. Adams, Secretary, 1883. Annual reports of state officers. Supreme court reports. Vols. 59-60. 1884-1885. W. S. Ladd, reporter. Town papers. Vols. 13. N-W. Third annual report of the state board of health. 1884. 630.14 328.7 328.7 630.14 630
United States. The war of the rebellion: official records of the union and confederate armies. Series I. Part I. Vols. X and XI. Same. Part II. Vols. X and XI. Same. Part III. Vol. XI. 355.9 355.9
Tenth Census. Vol. II. Report on the manufactures of the United States, with monographs on power used in manufactures; the factory system; woolen manufacture, &c. 317.A8 Vol. IV. Agencies of transportation in the U. S. 317.A9 Vol. V. Report on cotton production in the United States. Part I. The Mississippi valley and southwestern states. Vol. VI. Part II. Eastern gulf, Atlantic and Pacific states. 317.A10
 Vol. VII. Valuation, taxation, and public indebtedness in the U. S. Vol. VIII. The newspaper and periodical press; Alaska: its population, industries and resources; the seal islands of Alaska; ship building industry. Vol. IX. Report on the productions of agriculture, embracing general statistics, and monographs on cereal productions; flour milling, tobacco culture, &c. 317.A14
Official gazette of the patent office, Vols. 21–25. 1832–1883. 608.D1 Report of the commissioner of education for the year 1882–3. 379.1 Vaccination. Foster, E., M. D. 614.3

Books have been presented to the Library by Hon. J. F. Briggs; Rev. J. H. Morison, D. D.; Miss Mary Brigham; and the heads of départments of the state and national government.

Besides the above bound volumes, a considerable number of pamphlets have been received and properly catalogued, many of which are of permanent interest and value. As explained in our report one year ago, the usual purchase of books for 1884 was made in advance last year, and paid for from the appropriation made for printing the new catalogue, and the remaining cost of the catalogue paid from this year's appropriation; so that fully the usual additions have been made by purchase during the two years, although no books have been bought since the last report was made.

We believe that never before in its long and honorable history was your Public Library so adequately appreciated and so generally used by the citizens of the town as now. We are happy to note the use of it during the past year by the pupils of the High School, under the guidance of the Principal, and in connection with certain lines of their course of study. This is a move in the right direction, and we hope to see such use of the Library continued and greatly extended. The Public Library, properly managed and wisely used, is a mighty factor in the free educational system which our New England towns, in the interest of society and the state, are providing for their children. To the children of the poor it is simply invaluable, daily affording them, for the mere taking. rich stores otherwise inaccessible to them. May the day never come when every citizen of Peterboro' shall not be proud of the old town's record as the first municipality, not only in America, but among all English speaking people, as well, to establish and support continuously at the public expense, a free library for the use of all its inhabitants. The fathers builded well: it is for the children to maintain, cherish, improve, if need be, and transmit.

The new system of classification, arrangement and delivery of books has now been on trial before the tribunal of public opinion one year. It has survived the friction attendant upon its first inception. It has proved a success in giving increased efficiency, exactness, economy of time and labor in all the work of the Library. with added security in its care and administration. The public has been much better served than it could be served under the old plan, and with less tax upon the Librarian's powers of endurance. and we doubt if a majority of those who one year ago were dissatisfied with the change, would now willingly go back to the old system, or want of system. The simple fact is, that the Library had outgrown its former methods. With its present size and increasing use, its efficient and orderly administration in that way was impossible, and the change was inevitable at no distant day, if not made last year. We believe that the keeping of the Library open to the public during the whole of February and March, which is now possible, is one result of the change which all will appreciate and enjoy, especially the farmers who find those months among their best ones for reading.

The Library Room is already crowded, the shelf room being insufficient in some departments, and if you are to make the yearly additions required by the terms of the James Smith Fund, it will be necessary to provide additional space at no distant day. In this connection we feel it our duty to call your attention to the fire hazard which is a constant menace and peril to your Library in its present location. Its destruction would be a public calamity. Money could replace a portion of its contents, but the loss of other portions would be irreparable. We put the question to the citizens of the town: What, if anything, is to be done in the direction of providing a safe and suitable library building for your almost invaluable Public Library?

For the year to come, we believe an appropriation of \$200, and four-fifths of the Literary Fund, is required for the proper maintenance and care of the Library, and we recommend that that sum be raised.

In closing, we feel it is due the present Librarian that we thus publicly express our full satisfaction with, and hearty appreciation of, her efficient performance of the taxing and trying duties of her position; of her unwearied and unremitting faithfulness to her trust. The public were never better served in the position, the room and books never better cared for or more neatly kept, the routine work never more faithfully and promptly done, and the uniform quiet and good order which have prevailed in the Library Room during the past year, have been highly satisfactory to your committee, and doubtless equally so to visitors.

J. H. CUTLER, R. B. HATCH, W. H. WALBRIDGE,

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We herewith respectfully submit a report of the financial transactions and standing of the several departments in our charge, and also those having disbursements made by our orders on the Treasurer. Only Highways, Bridges and Town Officers, have exceeded their appropriations. We expended on highways \$494.00 in concreting on Main, Pine and Grove street sidewalks. On Pine street the sidewalk was dangerous, and on Grove street, in front of Farrar's shop, the ground was low and the walk was almost impassable in the spring. We would recommend that more money be expended in concreting the sidewalks on some of the other streets. With this outlay, we should not have exceeded the appropriation if it had not been for the heavy showers late in the fall, which badly washed some of the roads. In the Bridge account, we have purchased and stuck out about plank enough for use the present year, believing that it would be cheaper and better for the town to have the plank seasoned before being used. In the Town Officers' account, the effect of the vote of the town is to place the salary paid the Liquor Agent in this account, and at the same time to place all monies received from him and from fines in the Incidental account.

On a petition we have widened and straightened Railroad street, and awarded James Scott and others \$385.00 land damage, which has not been accepted by them, but they have taken an appeal to the County Commissioners to have said sum increased.

In carrying out your vote, we have made prosecutions to enforce the liquor law; we have neither drawn nor expended any money of the town, but have paid the Treasurer \$143.00 collected for fines, and there are two cases where the fines have not yet been paid. Whether any good has been accomplished in this direction during the past three years, we leave you to judge from the general appearance on the street and in some of your homes.

The Selectmen in Account with the Town of Peterboro'.

RECEIPTS.

Amount of tax list, April, 1884,	14,888	13	
Amount of tax list after April, 1884,		48	
Charles H. Warren, rent of store,		00	
Walbridge & Taylor, rent of store to Jan. 1, 1885,			
T. P. Ames, due March 1, 1885,	32		
E. G. Davis & Co., rent of store to Jan. 1, 1885,			
Odd Fellows, rent of hall to Jan. 1, 1885,	52		
State of N. H., insurance tax,	177		
State of N. H., railroad tax,	413		
	3,963		
State of N. H., literary fund,	208		
John R. Miller, rent of store to Jan. 1, 1885,	200		
Jesse Martin, rent of hall,	53		
State of N. H., bounties paid on crows and		00	
woodchucks,	64	50	
J. H. Steele, dog licenses,	42		
One half of liquor fines,	143		
S. W. Nichols, liquor agent,	467		
W. H. Walbridge, tuition for High School,	1		
Morris Frye, settlement of town farm account,	10	00	C) PR
		 \$21,242	87

EXPENDITURES.

Tax list committed to Ervin H. Smith, April,		
	1,888	13
Tax list committed to Ervin H. Smith after	,,,,,,,	20
April, 1884.	7.4	48
Paid Town Treasurer:	1.35	10
	50	00
Charles H. Warren, rent of store,		00
	250	
T. P. Ames, due March 1, 1884,	32	
E. G. Davis & Co., rent of store,	150	00
Odd Fellows, rent of hall,	52	00
Insurance, railroad, sayings bank tax and		
	,763	09
J. R. Miller, rent of store,	200	
Jesse Martin, rent of hall,	53	
State of N. H., bounties on crows and		
woodchucks,	64	50
	42	
Dog licenses,		
Liquor fines,	143	
S. W. Nichols, liquor agent,	467	94
W. H. Walbridge, tuition for High		
School,	1	80
Morris Frye,	10	00
		\$21,242.87

Riley B. Hatch, Collector,

In account with the Selectmen.

DR.

To uncollected tax list, March 1, 1884, Order on Treasurer, com. on collections, Interest collected on taxes,	\$1,026 88 8 41 11 88
Cr.	
By Treasurer's receipts, Abatements, Commission on collections,	\$961 01 77 75 8 41 ———— \$1,047 17

Ervin H. Smith, Collector,

In account with the Selectmen.

DR.

To amount of tax list, April 1, 1884, \$14	.,888	13	
To amount of list assessed after April 1, 1884,	74	48	
Orders on Treasurer, com. on collections,	124	23	
Interest collected on taxes,	15	97	
Order on Treasurer, paid advertising non-			
resident taxes,	7	00	
·		\$15,109	81
Cr.			
By Treasurer's receipts, \$14	,632	57	
Abatements,	114		
Commission on collections,	124	23	
Paid advertising non-resident taxes,	7	00	
Uncollected taxes, March 1, 1885,	231	38	
, ,		\$15,109	81

Schools.

Balance, March 1, 1884, due High School,	\$ 262	98		
Appropriation, general school fund,	1,943	50		
Appropriation, High School,	1,000	00		
Special tax in Dist. No. 2,	200	00		
W. H. Walbridge, tuition in High School,	1	80		
Unexpended dog tax, April 1, 1884.	95	00		
			\$3,503	28

Expenditures.			
High School:			
R. H. Wilder, wood,	\$20	00	
Edwin L. Davis, sawing wood,	11	00	
J. R. Miller, chemicals,	4	07	
Willis M. Townsend, janitor, and money			
paid out,	18	02	
Charles Wilder, wood,	3	50	
Farnum & Scott, printing,	5	50	
Albert D. Smith, salary,	800	00	
C. Edwin Jaquith, repairs on house,	3	95	
J. H. Steele, books and crayons,	6	57	
A. D. Smith, rubber, dipper, twine, &c.,		88	
Peterboro' Academy, rent,	100	00	
Charles Wilder, wood,	22	50	
W. H. Walbridge, District No. 1,	877	15	
Charles W. Hunter, " 2,	160	32	
Henry Field, " 3,	138		
Wm. H. Longley, "4.	85	33	
Daniel Edes, ". 5,		36	
John E. May, "6,	125		
F. A. Tarbell, "7,	143	92	
Albert Wilkins, "8,		59	
J. H. Fay, "9,	221		
J. S. Stearns, "10,		90	
E. L. Twitchell, "11,		59	
A. B. Stone, for Hancock,		78	
C. W. Hunter, special tax, District No. 2,	200	00	
			\$3,234 49
Balance due this account, March 1, 1885,			\$268 79
Due High School,			\$268 79
Public Library.			

Public Library.

Appropriation, Four-fifths of literary fund.	\$225 167		\$ 392	11
Expenditures.				
Farnum & Scott, catalogues,	\$236	61		
R. B. Hatch, insurance,	27	00		
Almena F. Dadmun, librarian's salary,	60	00		
D. M. White, insurance,	20	25		
A. Fuller, burners,		30		
Farnum & Scott, paper,	1	50		
G. H. H. Silsby & Son, binding,	33	20		

J. H. Steele, mucilage, A. Fuller, blow pipe and water pot, J. H. Bartlett, wood, Walbridge & Taylor, oil, &c.,	75 70 5 00 2 04	\$387 35
Balance due this account, March 1, 1885,		\$4 76
Fire Department.		
Receipts.		
Balance, March 1, 1884, Appropriation,	\$49 57 350 00	\$ 399 57
Expenditures.		
Jeremiah Regan, watching building after fire, A. L. Murphy, watching building after fire, L. P. Wilson, painting engine house, Smith Brothers, lock, C. Edwin Jaquith, repairing engine house, J. R. Miller, oil and alcohol, A. Fuller, chimneys and burners, H. Buckland, steward Aquarius Engine Co., J. M. Carley, steward Deluge Engine Co., Charles Carter, pay of Deluge Engine Co., Charles Carter, pay of Deluge Engine Co., D. M. White, insurance, Timothy O'Driscoll, watching building after fire, G. W. Farrar, repairing machines, John Scott, pay of Aquarius Engine Co., S. W. Nichols, alcohol,	\$3 00 2 00 27 22 92 5 13 2 90 30 25 00 5 00 9 72 75 00 18 75 2 00 2 50 172 50 2 70	\$354 64 ** 44 93
Street Lamps.		
Receipts.		
Balance, March 1, 1884, Appropriation, Appropriation for lamp,	\$ 36 80 250 00 10 00	\$296 80
Expenditures.		
L. P. Wilson, oil, F. E. Taggart, chimneys, burners, &c., Walbridge & Taylor, oil and matches,	\$ 23 25 14 52 · 7 57	

L. P. Wilson, oil, A. Fuller, chimneys and wicks, Edward G. Stevens, agent, L. P. Wilson, repairing lanterns, Balance due this account, March 1, 1885,	22 99 15 00 193 93 3 42	\$280 68 \$16 12
Putnam Grove.		
RECEIPTS.		
Balance, March 1, 1884, Amount received from dog licenses,	\$54 71 42 00	\$96 71
Expenditures.		
Jeremiah Regan, labor, Asa Davis, iron railing and labor, A. Fuller, repairing pump, W. T. Lawrence, cement and labor on wall,	\$ 8 00 52 72 75 4 73	
L. P. Wilson, painting fence,	7 27	\$73 47
Balance due this account, March 1, 1885,		\$23 24
Pine Hill Cemetery.		
RECEIPTS.	9 400 49	
Balance, March 1, 1884, Sale of lots,	\$460 43 39 00	\$499 43
Expenditures.		
Lorenzo Holt, avenue signs and painting, J. H. Steele, labor,	\$17 30 2 00	
Alvah Puffer, cutting grass,	3 00	\$22 30
Balance due this account, March 1, 1885,		\$477 13
Highways.		
Receipts.		
Balance, March 1, 1884, Appropriation,	\$ 65 89 1500 00	\$1, 565 89

EXPENDITURES.

Nichols Brothers, labor on water pipe,		88	·
Charles H. Varnum, surveyor, Dist. No. 5, 1883,	3	40	
Patrick McLaughlin, surveyor, Dist. No. 9, 1883,		50	
Augustus Fuller, drain pipe,	46	15	
Kimball Brothers, plate for road machine,	. 8	00	
Arthur L. Adams, concrete,	494	00	
S. P. Longley, labor, Dist. No. 4,	9	70	
Charles M. Moor, labor on his road,	4	50	
Rufus Moor, labor on his road,	1	65	
Ira A. Spofford, labor on his road,	2	00	
G. W. Ames. surveyor, Dist. No. 1.	487	61	
C. W. Hunter, " " " 2, Joel T. Brackett, " " 3, Stephen D. Robbe, " " 4, Charles H. Varnum, " " 5,	122	76	
Joel T. Brackett, " " 3,	75	01	
Stephen D. Robbe, " " 4,	32	35	
Charles H. Varnum, " " 5,	100	50	
B. F. Eastman, " " 6,	162	24	
Alvan A. Davis, " " 7,		88	
Charles Barber, " " 8,			
Patrick McLaughlin, " " 9,	89 36	75	
Albert O. Smith, " " 10,	36	46	
Edwin L. Twitchell, " " 11,	27		,
C. W. Hunter, surveyor, "2,	9	50	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			\$1,799 94
Balance against this account, March 1, 1885,			\$234 05

Bridges and Railings.

Appropriation for deficiency, March 1, 1884, Appropriation.	\$ 84 600			
			\$684	20
Expenditures.				
Balance, March 1, 1884,	\$ 84	20		
John Cragin, plank and drawing,		19		
C. W. Hunter, irons for bridge and labor,	9	12		
C. H. Varnum, surveyor, Dist. No. 5, 1883,	6	50		
Patrick McLaughlin, surveyor, Dist. No. 9, 1883,	5	00		
C. Edwin Jaquith & Co., plank, timber, nails				
and labor,	89	59		
John E. May, surveyor, Dist. No. 6, 1883,	2	45		
A. T. Hovey, plank,	10	50		
Charles Wilder, plank,	140	22		
William Moore, surveyor, Dist. No. 2, 1883,	42	90		
A. Fuller, drain pipe and wire,	35	20		
Rufus Moor, labor on his bridge,	2	50		
Asa Davis, stone posts and drawing stringers,	11	75		

G. W. Ames, C. W. Hunter, B. F. Eastman, Charles Barber, Patrick McLaughl E. L. Twitchell,	surveyor,	Dist	No.	1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 11,	159 77 11 75 173 63 5 00 32 75 47 20	\$880	22	
Balance against this account, March 1, 1885,						\$196	02	

Breaking Roads.

Balance, March 1, 1884, Appropriation,	\$ 1 400	35 00	\$401	35
Expenditures.				
Charles M. Moor, breaking his road, Rufus Moor, breaking his road, Perry & Moore, labor, Dist. No. 9, Will R. Ventres, " " " 10, J. Q. Adams, " " " 4, William Freeman, " " " 7, G. W. Ames, surveyor, Dist. No. 1, William Moore, " " " 2, Joel T. Brackett, " " " 3, S. D. Robbe, " " " 4, C. H. Varnum, " " " 5, John E. May, " " " 6, John H. Vose, " " " 7, John O. Nay, " " " 8, Patrick McLaughlin, " " " 9, E. L. Twitchell, " " " 11, C. W. Hunter, " " " 2, 1884, E. A. Robbins, making snow plough, C. W. Hunter, Dist. No. 2, S. D. Robbe, " " 4, A. A. Davis, " " 7,	2 4 81 25 37 8 41 34 11 11 17 5 18 12 9	$\begin{array}{c} 60 \\ 40 \\ 36 \\ 35 \\ 65 \\ 00 \\ 47 \\ 75 \\ 40 \\ 53 \\ 09 \\ 68 \\ 28 \\ 00 \\ 54 \\ 61 \\ 06 \\ 53 \\ 35 \\ \end{array}$	*368	38
Balance due this account, March 1, 1885,			\$32	97

Paupers.

RECEIPTS.	; ·
Balance, March 1, 1884, Appropriation,	\$12 49 250 00
Expenditures.	202 43
A. Fuller, Overseer of the Poor,	\$175 00
	D97 40
Balance due this account, March 1, 1885,	\$87 49
Lockup.	
RECEIPTS.	
Balance, March 1, 1884,	\$14.70
Expenditures.	
C. E. Jaquith & Co., fixing windows,	\$1 25 c in. 6 50
E. A. Robbins, wood, sawing and putting	\$7 75
Balance due this account, March 1, 1885,	\$6 95
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Sheep Killed by I	logs.
Sheep Killed by I	logs.
Receipts. Balance, March 1, 1884,	\$107 00
Receipts.	
Receipts. Balance, March 1, 1884,	\$107 00 122 00
Receipts. Balance, March 1, 1884, Dog tax, 1884, Expenditures. Daniel Edes,	\$107 00 122 00 \$229 00 \$12 00
Receipts. Balance, March 1, 1884, Dog tax, 1884, Expenditures.	\$107 00 122 00 \$229 00 \$12 00
RECEIPTS. Balance, March 1, 1884, Dog tax, 1884, EXPENDITURES. Daniel Edes, Unexpended balance, April 1, 1884, trans	\$107 00 122 00
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RECEIPTS. Balance, March 1, 1884, Dog tax, 1884, EXPENDITURES. Daniel Edes, Unexpended balance, April 1, 1884, trans to school fund by vote,	\$107 00 122 00 \$229 00 \$12 00 \$12 00 95 00 \$107 00
RECEIPTS. Balance, March 1, 1884, Dog tax, 1884, EXPENDITURES. Daniel Edes, Unexpended balance, April 1, 1884, trans to school fund by vote,	\$107 00 122 00 \$229 00 \$12 00 \$12 00 95 00 \$107 00
RECEIPTS. Balance, March 1, 1884, Dog tax, 1884, EXPENDITURES. Daniel Edes, Unexpended balance, April 1, 1884, trans to school fund by vote,	\$107 00 122 00 \$229 00 \$12 00 \$12 00 \$107 00 1, 1885, \$107 00 \$122 00
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RECEIPTS. Balance, March 1, 1884, Dog tax, 1884, EXPENDITURES. Daniel Edes, Unexpended balance, April 1, 1884, trans to school fund by vote, Balance to credit of this account, March 1	\$107 00 122 00 \$12 00 \$12 00 \$12 00 95 00 1, 1885, \$107 00 \$122 00 \$50 00
RECEIPTS. Balance, March 1, 1884, Dog tax, 1884, EXPENDITURES. Daniel Edes, Unexpended balance, April 1, 1884, trans to school fund by vote, Balance to credit of this account, March 1 Grand Army. Receipts.	\$107 00 122 00 \$12 00 \$12 00 \$12 00 95 00 1, 1885, \$107 00 \$122 00 \$50 00

Incidentals.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1884,	\$1,106	39
Town House rents,	755	00
Insurance tax,	177	00
Railroad tax,	413	35
Savings Bank tax, less State tax,	599	86
State of N. H., bounties,	64	50
Interest collected on taxes,	27	85
Billiard table licenses,	47	50
T. P. Ames, due March 1, 1884,	32	93
Liquor fines,	143	00
S. W. Nichols, liquor agent,	467	94
Sale of lots in village cemetery,	2	00
Morris Frye, settlement town farm account,	10	00
	-	\$3,847 32

EXPENDITURES.

Balance appropriated for payment of town debt, \$1,106 39

Town House:

D M White incurence

D. M. White, insurance,	-01	O9
R. B. Hatch, "	27	00
F. G. Ciarke, "	63	44
C. E. Jaquith, repairs in E. G. Davis & Co.'s store	, 29	44
A. L. Murphy, fixing stone steps,	6	00
A. Fuller, repairing pipe in cellar and fixing cis	-	
tern,		79
Solon Tarbell, repairs in Walbridge & Taylor's	8	
store,	5	06
Stationery and Printing:		
Farnum & Scott, town reports, etc.,	123	50
Farnum & Scott, printing notices, etc.,	15	75
Returning Births and Deaths:		
neuming Drins and Deaths.		
J. H. Cutler,	3	75
J. H. Mayo,	4	50
C. F. Ober,	1	50
W. D. Chase,	8	00
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Bounties:

E. M. Smith, pai	d bounties on	woodchucks,	35 .90
W. S. Kyes,			13 50
C. W. Hunter.	66	66	5 20

Misselfonoguda				
Miscellaneous:		E0.		
John S. Treadwell, over taxation, 1883,	111	50		
Board of Trade,	111			
F. G. Clarke, Board of Trade,		85		
Farnum & Scott, " "		50· 75		
A2. TY . INDUSTRECOURTY		00		
O. H. Russell, damage on highway, S. W. Nichols, Agent, money to buy liquors,	200			
W. E. Davis, postage stamps,		00		
A. F. Grimes, care of town clock,		00		
D. M. White, wood and sawing,		00		
C. A. Jaquith, maintaining watering trough,		00		
Mary E. Wallace, over taxation, 1883,		25		
Hubert Brennan, land damage,		00		
J. Rourke & Son, teams,		00		
J. H. Bartlett, wood,		25		
J. Regan, mowing village cemetery,		00		
C. Decker, labor "" ""		00		
W. S. Kyes, " " "		00		
W. S. Kyes, " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "		38		
Irving M. White, sawing wood and putting in,		75		
Lorenzo Holt, painting hearse,	7	00		
Unitarian society, use of bell,	10	00		
C. E. Jaquith, repairing ballot box and window,	2	51		
W. W. Johnson, referee in case with N. A. Childs.	. 6	50		
Alfred Sawyer, " " " "		00		
James Lever, witness " " "	9	00		
Franklin Field, " " " "	3	46		
Nathaniel Morrison, damage on highway,		00		
T. P. Ames, maintaining drain for town through	1			
his land,	32	93		
Fanny Carter, maintaining watering trough 6 yrs.		00		
E. W. Jones, surveying highway,		00		
J. H. Steele, books and stationery,		95		
A. Fuller, burners,		00		
Peterboro' Savings Bank, storing road machine				
two years,	24			
Jesse Martin, care of hall,		00		
Ervin H. Smith, paid advertising non-res. taxes,		00		
G. W. Faraar, repairing road machine, &c.,		37		
Transferred to account of Town Officers by vote,				
Transferred to account of Town Debt by vote,	941	00	\$3,342	5.6
			\$0,042	Ut
Balance due this account, March 1, 1885,			\$504	71
Morison Bridge.				
and the second s				
(Near Newton Corner.)				
RECEIPTS.				
Balance, March 1, 1884,			\$56	00
Expenditures.				
Transferred to town debt by vote,			\$56	06

Town Officers.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for deficiency, March 1, 1884, Appropriation, Transferred from incidentals by vote,	\$212 9 600 0 300 0	00
Expenditures.		
Balance, March 1, 1884, J. F. Noone, Auditor, R. B. Hatch, G. Q. Adams, W. H. Walbridge, School Committee, Edward Green, Charles Wilder, R. B. Hatch, Collector, E. H. Smith, W. S. Kyes, Sexton, R. B. Hatch, Supervisor, J. R. Miller, T. B. Tucker, Gharles Scott, Police, J. H. Steele, Town Clerk, W. G. Livingston, Town Treasurer, E. M. Smith, Selectman, W. S. Kyes, C. W. Hunter, S. W. Nichols, Liquor Agent,	\$212 9 5 (5) 20 (6) 20 (6) 20 (7) 20 (8) 4) 124 9 128 (1) 15 (1) 30 (1) 63 1 (1) 75 (1) 97 (2) 200 (2)	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
Balance against this account, March 1, 1885,		\$161 83

Incidental School Fund.

One-fifth of Literary Fund,		\$41 77
Expenditures.		
Balance, March 1, 1884, Charles Wilder, J. H. Steele, books,	\$3 42 18 00 17 87	\$39 29
Balance due this account, March 1, 1885,	,	\$2 48

Fire Escapes for Town Hall Building.

KECEIPTS.		
Appropriation,		\$350 00
Expenditures.		
G. W. Marden, mason work, C. E. Jaquith & Co., carpenter work, Smith Brothers, locks, L. P. Wilson, painting,	\$ 21 43 249 65 5 22 22 16	\$298 46
Balance due this account, March 1, 1885,		\$51 54

Fund for Payment of Town Debt.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1884,	\$2,895 7	2	
Balance to credit of Incidentals, March 1,	, 1884, 1,106 3	9	
Balance to credit of Morison Bridge, M	larch		
1, .1884,	56 0	~	
From balance of Incidentals, Mar. 1, '85,	by vote, 941 8	3	
		- \$5,000	00
Expenditures.			

Town bonds paid by Treasurer,

\$5,000 00

Recapitulation.

Schools,	\$3,234	10		
Public Library,	. 387			
Fire Department,	354	64		
Street Lamps,	280	68		
Putnam Grove,	73	47		
Pine Hill Cemetery,	22	30		
Highways,	1,799			
Bridges and Railings,	796	02		
Breaking Roads,	368	38		
Bridges and Railings, Breaking Roads, Paupers,	175	:00		
Lockup,	7	75		
Sheep Killed by Dogs,	12	00		
Grand Army,	. 50	00		
Incidentals,	994	33		
Town Officers,	1,061	83		
Incidental School Fund,	35	87		
Fire Escapes for Town Hall Building,	298			
		-	\$9,952	51
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Abatements.

Abated from R. B. Hatch's, Tax List for 1883:

Abateu from R. D. Haten's, Tax List for 1000	14
J. F. Noone, over valuation on mill,	\$10 50
Anstiss Goldthwait, charity,	5 00
J. Noone's Sons, compromise,	50 00
Stephen J. Hadley, left town,	1 05
Charles Giddings, Wilton,	1 00
E. F. Quimby, left town,	50
Edward Kenney, charity,	1 05
George E. Taylor, left town,	1 05
Fred C. Robbins, ""	1.05
James A. Smith, ""	1 05
Prentice W. Greenwood, charity,	1 05
Wm. F. Pratt, over valuation on real estate,	1 00
THE EXTENSION VALUE OF THE COURSE	. 200
Abatements from E. H. Smith's Tax List:	
Abel Wilder, watering trough,	3 00
J. King's heirs, over valuation on real estate,	1 00
J. D. Butler, " " " "	5 00
Fanny Carter, watering trough,	3 00
Samuel Cary, horse taxed in Hancock,	1 25
Albert C. Frost, watering trough,	3 00
C. C. Robbins, "	3 00
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Albert C. Frost, watering trough,	3 00
C. C. Robbins, " "	3 00
Mary E. Robie, "	3 00
Harriet Gray, error in inventory,	2 00
C. H. Warren, "	2 00
Chas. F. Richardson, charity,	1 00

John Holden, over 70, 1 00
J. Noone's Son's, compromise, 50 00
Frank J. Smith, charity, 1 75
A. L. Shattuck, error in giving in deposit in Savings Bank, 5 00

Thomas L. Beckwith, dead,	1 00
Benj. F. Creighton, left town,	1 19
Andrew H. Doyle " "	1 19
Octave Dupra, " "	1 00
Thomas Edmundson, " "	1 00
Misses Fife, charity,	3 00
Amos Green, estate, charity,	2 00
Edward Green, left town,	1.00
Andrew M. Greenwood, left town,	1 00
Edgar B. Kimball, left town,	1 ()()
Edward Kenney, charity,	1 00
Joseph Lucier, left town,	1 ()()
John McCoy, dogs taxed to others,	6 00
Mrs. Charles Methley, charity,	1 00
E. F. Quimby, left town,	1 00
Thomas P. Shattuck, Winchendon,	1 00
Charles J. Spring, left town,	1 00
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N. E. Webster, "" "Andrew Hildreth, not a resident April 1, David Wesley, "" ""

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Resources and Liabilities of the Town.

MARCH 1, 1885.

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Old town bonds,	\$15,000	00	
Interest on same at six per cent.,	150	00	
New town bonds,	46,000	00 .	
Interest on same at five per cent.,	383	33	
Superintending School Committee,	60	00	
James Scott and others, land damage,	385	00	
Outstanding orders on Treasurer,	45		
Outstanding coupons,	107		
Outstanding component		\$62,131	33
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RESOURCES.			
Money in Treasury,	\$1,640	38	
U. S. bounties,	1,178	34	
Town House,	16,000	00 .	
Fire Department property, as appraised Marc	h		
1, 1881,	3,002	00	
Uncollected taxes,	231	38	
Due from T. D. Winch, rent,	258	34	
Cash in hands of Liquor Agent,	42		
Liquor in hands of Liquor Agent,	149		
inguoi in minus or inguoi ngono,	110	\$22.502	17

\$39,629 16

\$1,445,013 00

Abstract of the Annual Invoice and Assessment of Taxes in 1884.

Value of Real Estate,	\$820,050 00
Horses, 342,	26,675 00
Mules, 2,	125 00
Oxen, 73,	5,260 00
Cows, 587,	19,118 00
Other Neat Stock, 290,	6,349 00
	503 00
Sheep, 149, Hogs, 41,	525 00
Carriages over \$50,92,	6,785 00
Stock in public funds,	17,200 00
Stock in banks and corporations in the State.	67,300 00
Surplus capital of bank,	27,514 00
Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit,	156,809 00
Stock in trade,	87,000 00
Mills, factories, and other machinery,	150,800 00
Polls,	53,000 00

Town appropriation, Amount added for abatements,	\$16,841 47 608 66		
Less Savings Bank tax (estimated),	•	\$17,450 3,000	
Tax on property after April 1,	•	\$14,450 191	
Total amount of tax,		\$14,641	61
Dog tax,		\$122	00
Rate of taxation, \$10 on \$1000.			
Special tax in School District No. 2, \$	200.		
Rate of tayation \$1.876+ on \$1000			

Detailed Statement of Cash in Treasury, and Uncollected Taxes.

Cash in t			\$1,640 .231			
	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,				\$1,871	76
To the c	redit o	f High School,	\$268	79		
44	6.6	Public Library,	4	76		
44	66	Fire Department,	44	93		
66	44	Street Lamps,		12		
66	66	Putnam Grove,	23	24		
				13		
66	6.6	Pine Hill Cemetery, Breaking Roads, Paupers, Sheep killed by Dogs.	32	97		
44	6.6	Paupers,	87	49		
		Sheep killed by Dogs,	122	00		
66 66	166	Sheep killed by Dogs, Incidentals,	504	77		
66		Lockup,	6	95		
66	66	Fire Escape for Town Ha	ıll .			
	,	Building,		54		
66	66	Incidental School Fund,	2	48		
				_	\$1,643	17

Insurance on Town Property,

WITH DATE OF EXPIRATION OF POLICIES.

Amount Insured.	Property Insured.	When Expiring.
\$1,175 00	Town House,	July 1, 1885.
66	66 66	
66	. "	66 66 66
46		66 66 66
2,000 00	46 66	July 2, 1885.
1,300 00	44 44	July 1, 1885.
1,000 00	<u> </u>	Aug.11, 1885.
1,500 00	Engine House and apparatus,	Feb. 1, 1886.
2,500 00	Public Library,	Oct. 21, 1885.
1.500 00	46 46	Nov. 1, 1885.

Appropriations and Expenditures.

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ACCOUNTS.	Appropriations & Beceints.		Expenditures.		Unexpended.	1	Deficiency naid.		Appropriation recommended.
Schools,	1264	78		99	268				Amt. re. by law.
Library,		11				76			*125 00
Fire Department,	399				44				350 00
Street Lamps,		80			16				250 00
Putnam Grove,	96	71		47	23				Dog lic.
Pine Hill Cemetery,	499	43		30 94	477	13		05	1500 00
Highways,	1565 600						234 196		
Bridges and Railings, .	401	35			32	07	190	UZ	400 00
Breaking Roads,	262				87				200 00
Paupers, Sheep Killed by Dogs,	229								Dog tax.
G. A. R.,		()()			1 44	00			50 00
Incidentals,		93		23	504	77			+
Town Officers,	900				001	•	161	83	1700 00
Lockup,	14	70		75	6	95			11
Incidental School Fund.		77		29	2	48			
Fire Escapes for Town									
Hall Building,	350	00	298	46	51	54			
Interest on Town Debt,	3500	()()							3200 00
Fund for paym't of Town									
Debt,			5000	001			Į		1
A A T C Chit CT*		703	-9						

^{*} And four-fifths of Literary Fund.

†\$12 for sheep killed by dogs. \$95 to school fund.

‡ Rents of Town House, and all money received except from taxation.

 \parallel And \$300 from balance of appropriation for incidentals.

Osgood Fund.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

· KECEIPTS.		
Balance, March 1, 1884,	\$42 00	
Peterboro' Savings Bank, int. due Jan. 1, 1885,	45 50	
1 ctcl bolo bavings bank, int. due ban. 1, 1000,	40 00	\$87.50
*`		\$01.90
Expenditures.		
Amount distributed among the poor during the		
vear.	£42 00	
year, Balance in Selectmen's hands, March 1, 1885,	45 50	
Bulanco in coccomicit s namas, march 2, 2000,	20 00	987 50
		\$01 OU

Liquor Transactions.

SELECTMEN'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash, liquors, &c., in hands of Town Agent,		
March 1, 1884,	\$217 13	2
Fines from five persons,	143 -00	
Cash from S. W. Nichols, Town Agent,	467.9	4
Liquors, &c., in hands of Town Agent, March		
1, 1885,	149 38	5
Cash in hands of Town Agent, March 1, 1885,	42 38	3
		- \$1,019 79
Expenditures.		
Cash, liquors, &c., in hands of Town Agent,		
March 1, 1884,	\$217 -13	2
Paid Town Agent to purchase liquor with,	200 00	

Balance to credit of this account, March 1, 1885,

Paid Town Agent, salary,

\$617 22 \$402 67

E. M. SMITH, W. S. KYES, C. W. HUNTER, Peterboro'.

200 00

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

A. Fuller, in account with the town of Peterborough:

	Dr.		
To cash of Selectmen,		\$175 00	
To cash of Albert Frost,		25 00	
			\$200 00
	Cr.		
By paid Samuel Jewett's boa	ard,	\$ 125 00	
By paid John Waite,	,	52 00	
By paid Philip Peak for tran	nps,	5 00	
By paid A. Fuller's bill,		18 00	
			\$200.00

A. FULLER, Overseer of the Poor.

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

S. W. Nichols, Liquor Agent, in account with the town of Peterborough:

Dr.

To cash on hand March 1, 1884, To cash to replace the porter froze in 1883, To cash from the Selectmen, To order from the Selectmen for salary, To cash from sales,	\$ 60 15 5 80 200 00 200 00 1,249 41	\$1,71 5	36
Cr.			
By cash paid Selectmen, By amount of salary, By cash paid for liquors, By cash on hand,	\$ 467 94 200 00 1,005 04 42 38		
Dy Guerra Indiana		\$1715	36
Liquors on hand March 1, 1884, Liquors, &c., on hand March 1, 1885, Net profit.		\$156 149	97

S. W. NICHOLS, Liquor Agent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURER in account with the Town:

Dr.

Balance, March 1, 1884,			\$3,842	86
Received of Selectmen:				
Store rents,	\$650	00		
Rent of upper hall,	52	00		
Rent of town hall,	53	00		
Dog licenses,	42	00		
Liquor fines,	143	00		
Amount received from liquor agent,	467	94		
T. P. Ames account,	32	93		
On town farm account,	10	00		
Amount received from High School Com.,	1	80		
			\$1,452	67

Received of Selectmen as received from State Treasurer:				
Insurance tax,	\$ 177	00		
Railroad tax,	413	35		
Savings Bank tax,	3,963	86		
Literary Fund,	208			
Bounties,	64			
	- 01	14	\$4,827	59
Received of R. B. Hatch, Collector,			961	
Received of E. H. Smith, Collector,			14,632	
Received of Town Clerk:			11,002	0.
For deed of lots in Village Cemetery,	9	00		
For lots sold in Pine Hill Cemetery,	39			
Licenses of billiard tables,	47			
Licenses of bimard tables,	41	30	. 88	50
Received of Bank, interest on deposit acct.,			25	-
			40	00
		-	\$25,830	20
		1111	p20,000	20
Cr.				
By paid Selectmen's orders:				
Balance outstanding, March 1, 1884,	2	34		
Drawn for the year ending March 1, 1885,	9,907			
The state of the s	,,,,,,		9,909	35
By paid interest (coupons on town bonds),		-	3,467	
Town bonds due Jan. 1, 1885,			5,000	
County tax,			2,448	
State tax,			3,364	
Balance, cash on hand,			1,640	
Datance, cash on hand,		1 31	1,010	30
		6	\$25,830	20

W. G. LIVINGSTON, Treasurer.

Peterboro', March 3, 1885.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the town of Peterborough, hereby certify that we have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, and Committee on Town Library, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The Town Liquor Agent's cash account is correct, as near as we can ascertain, but his method of keeping accounts is not such as should be adopted by an agent of the town.

W. H. LONGLEY,
J. F. NOONE,
J. Q. ADAMS,
Auditors
of
Accounts.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Peterborough, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2nd. To choose all necessary Town Officers and Agents for the year ensuing.

3rd. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools; for the maintenance of the poor; for laying out and repairing highways, and building and repairing bridges; and for other necessary charges arising within the town, and appropriate the same.

4th. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the fire department, public library, street lamps, and grand army for memorial day.

5th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate towards paying the town debt.

6th. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to enforce the law relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action in relation to the same.

8th. To hear the report of the committee in relation to putting in new pipes and hydrants, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

9th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate to pay the land damage in straightening and widening Railroad Street.

10th. To see if the town will erect a building in which to keep the hearse, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any other action in relation to housing the hearse.

11th. To see if the town will accept the gift of the land opposite the Village Cemetery from the heirs of Dr. Albert Smith, or take any other action in relation thereto.

12th. To see if the town will vote to take some of the land south of J. M. Hasting's house for a park, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any other action in relation thereto.

13th. To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for a term of years the building to be erected by Samuel G. White for manufacturing purposes on the privilege now owned by G. P. Felt, and the tools to be used in said building.

Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of February, A. D. 1885.

E. M. SMITH, W. S. KYES, C. W. HUNTER, Peterborough.



